

## House Republican Press Release

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### Williams Supports Pension Tax Reform



**HARTFORD** -State Representative Sean Williams (R-Oakville) today called on legislative leadership to act on legislation that has been proposed in this session that would exempt pension income and Social Security income from the state income tax starting calendar year 2006.

“It is categorically unfair for the state to continue taxing pensions and Social Security,” said Representative Williams. “Taxing both pensions and Social Security is a one-two punch to working people that ought to be eliminated, particularly considering how Connecticut residents continue to rate among the highest taxed in all the country.”

Representative Williams noted that the Tax Foundation once again rated Connecticut as the highest taxed in the nation. Tax Freedom Day, which calculates the day of the year that taxpayers stop working for the government to pay taxes and start keeping what they earn, is the latest in Connecticut at May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Several bills have been filed this year that would exempt such income from the income tax, which Rep. Williams called “a good start in the fight to give real tax relief to working families.”